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In re Application of :  
HANADA et al. :  
Application No.: 09/980,203 : DECISION ON RENEWED  
PCT No.: PCT/JP00/01864 :  
Int. Filing Date: 27 March 2000 : PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181  
Priority Date: 16 June 1999 :  
Attorney Docket No.: 0425-0865P :  
For: LAUNDRY DETERGENT SHEET :

This is a decision on applicants' "Letter" filed on 08 February 2002 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) advising that a declaration was filed on 18 January 2002 in the above referenced application and is treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181. No petition fee is required.

On 30 January 2002, a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) was mailed to applicants indicating that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) and the surcharge for filing the oath or declaration after the thirty month period were required.

On 08 February 2002, applicants submitted the instant communication indicating that the declaration was allegedly deposited on 18 January 2002, which was treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 along with a copy of a USPTO date-stamped itemized postcard receipt. A copy of the declaration was not filed.

A review of the application file reveals that a declaration was filed on 18 January 2002 and is found in the application file. The declaration was received in the Office of Preliminary Examination (OPIE) and is date-stamped "JAN 18 2002". The declaration, executed by the inventors, is acceptable as it meets the requirements of 37 CFR 1.497 and 35 U.S.C. 371.

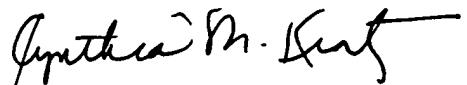
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The application will be forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office for further processing. The 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date is **18 January 2002**.



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